(b) At present, there is no CNG outlet in Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) The expansion of the CNG infrastructure in other cities is being taken up in a phased manner. GAIL propose to commence CNG supply to Kota, Rajasthan by the middle of 2006.

Use of LPG in cars

†2229. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether LPG is being used in cars in the country,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) whether Government intend to encourage the use of LPG in cars?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: (a) to (c) Government have permitted the sale of auto-LPG for vehicles outfitted for the purpose vide the Liquified Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Use in Motor Vehicle) Order, 2001. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have set up, and are setting up, Auto LPG Dispensing Stations (ALDS) based on their commercial considerations and upon the availability of suitable sites in various cities to meet the requirement of auto LPG.

At present, OMCs are operating 119 ALDS in different cities in the country. The details are enclosed as statement.

Statement

State-wise details of ALDS operating by public sector oil marketing companies.

States/UTs	Cities	Number of ALDS
Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	10
Andhra Pradesh	Tirupati	1
Andhra Pradesh	Visakh	1
Chandigarh	Chandigarh	2
Delhi	Delhi	16
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	8
Karnataka	Bangalore	17
Kerala	Trivandrum	1
Madhya Pradesh	Indore	1

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

States/UTs	Cities	Number of ALDS
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	1
Maharashtra	Mumbai	21
Maharashtra	Pune	6
Maharashtra	Nasik	1
Rajasthan	Jaipur	2
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	16
Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	1
Uttar Pradesh	Agra	2
West Bengal	Kolkata	11
Kerala	Ernakulam	1
TOTAL		119

Dual pricing policy for LPG

2230. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of PETROLUEM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering dual pricing policy for LPG in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the policy and the proposed date of its commencement?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: (a) and (b) At present, subsidised domestic LPG is marketed by the distributors of the four public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and IBP Company Limited. Domestic LPG is partly subsidized by the Government and partly by the oil companies. During the year 2004-05, the total subsidy burden was Rs. 9,830 crores. This Mmistry has recently written to the State Governments seeking views on restricting the subsidy on domestic LPG to only BPL families.

The Government has also allowed Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and GAIL India Limited (GAIL) to market LPG produced by their fractionators subject to certain terms and conditions. With a view to operationalizing the mechanism, the matter was recently reviewed in the